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11. (SBU) In response to the demarche on re-election of the U.S. to the IMO Council in category "A," Ann-Christine Kivela, Secretary for International Affairs at the Finnish Maritime Administration said Finland "acknowledges the United States will be seeking re-election to Category 'A' of the Council of the International Maritime Organization..." and that "Finland will give the most careful consideration to this candidacy." She continued by saying Finland has a "traditionally positive attitude" toward U.S. candidacy. Paavo Wihuri, Director of Maritime Safety and Security at the Finnish Maritime Administration, will lead the Finnish delegation in London.
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